

ABSTRACT

A method for directing an e-mail message to a correct recipient, the method including identifying a domain portion and a unique identifier portion of the e-mail address. For the domain, a predetermined list of corresponding e-mail addresses, and  
5 related information, associated with that domain will have been generated. The identifier portion is compared to the list of e-mail addresses and addressee information for the domain portion. If the identifier portion, or information submitted about the intended recipient, for the e-mail address is found to be consistent with one of the listed e-mail addresses for the domain, a sender of the e-mail message is notified. If the e-mail address  
10 is not found to be consistent with any of the known listed addresses for the domain, then e-mail address correction procedures may be performed on the e-mail address. The method may also include an e-mail forwarding capability in conjunction with address correction capabilities.